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" (c) The acreage cannot be forecast now with any accuracy. The scheme when implemented will help considerably irrigation under wells.

" (d) The scheme has not been taken up on account of financial stringency. It is proposed to consider it in connection with the final budget.

" (e) The scheme was investigated during 1949–50. The original estimate prepared in 1951 was revised in October 1952 and the revised estimate is as stated in the answer to clause (b)."

SRI K. V. VEMA REDDI :—" As the scheme will help large scale irrigation under wells, will the Government consider executing the scheme as early as possible so as to aid agriculture? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" This will be taken up again in May, Sir."

SRI T. LAKSHIMINARAYANA REDDI :—" Will the Government extend the scheme to the other taluks in Anantapur district? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I believe the present scheme covers only an area of five villages in Kadiri taluk."

Thiruvazhamkunnu Cattle Farm, Malabar.

* 336 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) how many artificial Insemination Officers were appointed in the Thiruvazhamkunnu Cattle Farm in Walluvanad taluk, Malabar district;

(b) the number of cattle inseminated so far and the amount spent for the same;

(c) whether it is a fact that the apparatus for artificial insemination were removed from that farm, but the staff is still retained; and

(d) if so, what is the strength of the staff so retained and the reasons for their retention?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (a) One Veterinary Assistant Surgeon and four Veterinary Livestock Inspectors.

" (b) Thirteen animals were inseminated. No separate expenditure was incurred for the artificial insemination done here.

" (c) With the transfer of the artificial insemination centre from the farm to a breeding area where the scheme is expected to work successfully, the apparatus for the artificial insemination has also been removed from that farm. No staff for artificial insemination work has been retained at the farm.

" (d) Does not arise."

SRI KUNHI MUHAMED SHAFEE :—" Was this artificial insemination conducted in Thiruvazhamkunnu Cattle Farm as an experimental measure? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" No, Sir. It was organized and well tried out. It was not exactly an experimental measure. It was regular work."

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" Is there any other cattle farm in Malabar? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" No, Sir. The present one is a nice, good, big farm and I do not think we need any more in Malabar."

Local fund dispensaries at Dharmavaram and Kalyandrug, Anantapur district.

* 338 *Q.*—SRI K. V. VEMA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was any proposal for taking over by the Government the local fund dispensaries at Dharmavaram and Kalyandrug in Anantapur district; and

(*b*) if so, what action was taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Proposals for the provincialization of Local Fund Dispensaries at Dharmavaram and Kalyandrug were received along with other institutions from the Director of Medical Services.

" (*b*) The Government have not yet decided about the provincialization of any institution during 1953–54."

SRI K. V. VEMA REDDI :—" As the District Board of Anantapur is facing a heavy deficit, will the Government consider taking over these dispensaries as early as possible? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" That matter can be considered only in connection with the next budget, Sir."

Provision of a ring bund in Krishna Lanka, Vijayavada Municipality.

* 339 *Q.*—SRI T. POTHA RAJU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representations have been received from the residents of the area known as Krishna Lanka, 19th Ward, Vijayavada Municipality, requesting the Government to provide permanent protection to their lives and property from floods by erecting a revetment and a ring bund;

(*b*) whether the Government have prepared any scheme in this regard;

(*c*) if so, why the scheme has not been taken up so far; and

(*d*) whether the residents have expressed their willingness to contribute one-third of the cost of the scheme?